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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Office of the Secretary

Mar 10, 1953

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I refer to your request for the views of the Department of Defense on S. 1110, a bill "To authorize the appointment of a Deputy Director of Central Intelligence". The Secretary of Defense has assigned to the Department of the Air Force responsibility for providing your committee with a report on this legislation on behalf of the Department of Defense.

The purpose of S. 1110 is to authorize the President to appoint a Deputy Director of Central Intelligence from among individuals in civilian life or commissioned officers of the armed services. It contains provisions pertaining to the rate of compensation which the individual appointed to such position shall receive, and protects the military status, rights, privileges, and benefits of commissioned officers of the armed services appointed to such position.

In the interest of national security, the Department of Defense is in accord with providing statutory authority to facilitate the appointment of a commissioned officer of the armed services to this important position. It is believed that such a provision of law will facilitate selection and appointment of the most highly qualified men available. It is desired to point out, however, that in its present form the bill would adversely affect the armed service of which the appointee is a member.

When a commissioned officer is appointed to fill the position to be established by the bill, the duties and responsibilities which he is discharging at the time of his appointment must be assumed by another officer. There is no change in the mission and requirements of the armed service of which he is a member and which form the basis for the officer ranks and grades authorized and appropriated for that armed service. Allocation of one of these ranks or grades to a position outside of the Department of

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Defense and to which no consideration was given at the time authorizations were made would not appear to be sound practice. It is, therefore, recommended that a new section be added following Section 4, to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. The rank or grade of any such commissioned officer shall be in addition to the numbers and percentages otherwise authorized and appropriated for the armed service of which he is a member."

Incorporation of the above language would not have the effect of authorizing an additional rank or grade for the armed service concerned since the numbers of such ranks or grades available for utilization by that armed service in discharging its assigned missions and responsibilities would remain unchanged.

Enactment of this proposed legislation will not result in the expenditure of any additional funds by the Department of Defense.

This report has been coordinated among the departments and boards of the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harold E. Talbott

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